

educational, housing, and hospital benefits to more than 3.5 million veterans who served in the cold war. Veterans with more than 180 days active military duty since Jan. 31, 1955—the

Oldiers Escape To Nha Trang 'Riviera'

TRANG, (MACOI)—It has been dubbed the "Pearl of the South China Sea," but to the troopers of the 101st Airborne Division it is a chance to escape from the almost constant harassment of the Viet Cong for a three-day rest and recuperation vacation.

The compact, motel-style R&R Center provides a place to relax from the rigors of war for the men from the "Mighty Eagle" Division. It is open to all servicemen from any U.S. military post in the Republic of Vietnam.

The center has a total resort accommodation for 40 men, so there is always a vacancy, according to William D. MacQuattie, Special Services Officer, Army Support Command, Nha Trang.

From the solitude of a vacation from the front, the center provides boating, fishing and sail—and fish-diving.

And for sunbathing and sun-lubber, there are

bicycles to tour the town and the usual indoor sports and games a person finds at most special services facilities.

A well-stocked snack bar provides food and refreshments for patrons of the center.

Plans are being made, MacQuattie said, to increase the "fleet" to 20 power craft and five sailboats.

MacQuattie has a staff of six enlisted men and seven Vietnamese civilians.

SFC Eleuterio Nazario is the top enlisted man. Sp5 Joe Furter is supply sergeant and Sp4 Alvin Cooper books the USO shows and coordinates the movie programs for the Nha Trang area.

The out-of-country rest and recuperation leaves—to Bangkok, Hong Kong, Manila and Tokyo—are booked by Sp4 Richard Allman.

The two "sailors" handling the fleet are Sp5 Dennis Parker and Sp4 James Kellerman.

MacQuattie reminds those who have not yet taken advantage of this "little R&R" that reservation—which must be made a week in advance—can be made by calling Goldfinch-883.

Overnight visitors, including those going on out-of-country R&R, also can be accommodated at the center on a first-come, first-served basis after 5 p.m.

All in all, MacQuattie said, the center gives the fighting serviceman a chance to relax and recuperate in a quiet atmosphere—from the constant harassment of the Viet Cong.

expiration date of the Korean War G.I. Bill of Rights—will be eligible for benefits.

The bill provides that veterans with at least six months of active duty will be entitled to one month of educational benefits for each month in service up to 36 months.

These benefits will amount to \$100 a month for unmarried veterans. Married veterans with one dependent will receive \$125 while those with two or more will receive \$150.

In addition to educational benefits, the bill provides for hospital and housing assistance.

Where limited hospital benefits would be provided for non-service-connected disabilities, greatest benefits would be given those veterans afflicted with tropical or chronic diseases.

In housing, the Veterans Administration has been authorized to guarantee home loans up to \$7,500 and provide direct loans of up to \$17,500 where private financing is not available.

The bill passed both houses of Congress last week—the House by a 381-to-0 vote and the Senate by a 99-to-0 vote.

VC Surrenders To Helicopter

TUY HOA, (101st-IO) — How many Army pilots can claim a confirmed VC capture while in the air?

Major Charles H. (Ace) Drummond claims this singular distinction.

Major Drummond, commanding officer of the 48th Aviation Company, while flying in support of an operation of the 101st Airborne's 2/502nd Infantry, noted a man on the ground running around and waving frantically from a landing zone. Although armed, the man indicated he wanted to surrender.

Drummond banked his Huey sharply and landed on the LZ, dispatching one of his crew members to seize and disarm the Vietnamese. Another craft in the area retrieved the returnee.

Uniforms Are Key In VN

A, (101st-IO)—According to the latest issue of a leading airborne men's magazine, the best dressed man in the ways carries the M-16 in color of the weapon wears well with the all olive-green tropical jungle jacket and trousers.

Strictly out this season no one should be so to be without the two-and-black, pungli-proof for footwear. Note of interest, the shoes are turning out more steel headwear.

Over the left jacket-set of silver Airborne is the "piece de resistance" the appearance of the old men in Vietnam.



CANINE CARE—Veterinarian Capt. Bernard Mistretta (Left) examines the eyes of sentry dog Rex at the 936th Vet Detachment. PFC Bruce Laubach holds Rex's head. (Photo by 1st LOG-IO)

Pilot Rescued At Sea

QUI NHON, (18th EB-IO)—A helicopter crew from the 937th Engineer Group's aviation platoon has performed a daring rescue at sea of a downed Air Force A-1E Sky-raider pilot off the coast of Qui Nhon.

Responding to the emergency call, the 937th's UH-1B team faced two obstacles. The visibility was less than half a mile and the Air Force pilot was unsure of his position due to his navigational radios not operating properly.

First Lieutenant Dennis Muselman, pilot of the "Huey," flew east and soon picked up a message on the emergency frequency saying that the pilot had made a successful ditch in the ocean. Because of poor visibility, the helicopter crew employed an old trick used for homing purposes.

CWO Borchin turned his receiver volume down and flew until he no longer heard the emergency signal; then he turned and flew in the direction that made the signal become stronger. After a few minutes the crew spotted the drenched pilot who was waving enthusiastically at the approaching chopper.

As the "Huey" hovered, Crew Chief Specialist Morris fastened two sea belts around his waist and stepped out on the skid. Knee deep in water with waves breaking through the chopper, he managed to grab the pilot's parachute and haul him aboard.

Soldier Dies To Save Five

CU CHI, (25th INF-IO)—A 21-year-old soldier from the 25th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade was killed last week when he threw himself on top of a hand grenade, saving five other men from Company C, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry "Bobcats."

Specialist Four Daniel Fernandez died when his reinforced squad sprung an ambush on an estimated company-sized force of Viet Cong near Cu Chi, 20 miles northwest of Saigon.

The squad engaged in fighting that became so intense that the opposing forces were, at times, fighting in hand-to-hand combat.

Heavily outnumbered by the Viet Cong, who were armed with .50 and .30 caliber machineguns, automatic weapons and hand grenades, the squad was relieved by a full platoon dispatched from "Bobcat" headquarters.

The infantrymen killed 14 VC, while suffering only light losses.

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